

# The Pipeline

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## CFC Employees of the Month for October

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**Frances McGraw** and **Janet Connor** were selected as the Cabinet for Families and Children Employees of the Month for October, Secretary Viola Miller announced Oct. 26.



*Frances McGraw (left) accepts her award from Secretary Miller.*

**Frances McGraw**, a policy analyst with the Department for Community Based Services, was nominated by all her co-workers in the Program Assistance and Resource Branch.

"The first quality that shines in Francis is her personality," her co-workers wrote in her nomination. "She always has a smile on her face

and people are drawn to her because of her patience and the consideration she shows others."

In addition to a friendly attitude for both co-workers and customers, McGraw's nomination cited her professional attitude. Her work is superior in quality and quantity, and she can always be counted on to volunteer to help when a co-worker "is in a bind."

McGraw has worked for state government for 14 years. The Scott County resident was a National Merit finalist at Fern Creek High School.

**Janet Connor**, a policy analyst with the Department for Disability Determinations, was nominated by James Kuhn.

"Janet is an excellent supervisor, yet is always ready to help out with the work of her employees," Kuhn said. "She never complains when there is a mistake or problem. Instead she handles the situation constructively and readily finds a solution. She makes each of her employees feel as an equal."

Connor began her career with state government in 1977 with the former Department of Social Insurance. She is a

graduate of Shelby County High School and attended Sullivan Business College. She has one son, a college student.

CFC selects two outstanding employees each month for special recognition – one from staff working in the Human Resources Building and one from staff at First City Complex.

Their peers, either co-workers or workers from another office or branch of CFC, nominate employees for the honor. A rotating panel selects the monthly winners from among nominations received by the 15th of the month. Nominations are not retained from one month to the next.

For more information, or to submit a nomination, contact Charlene Nation of the Employee Services Branch, CHR-5, phone 564-7770. She will also accept nominations by e-mail.

## Area Code Change

Remember that area code 270 will replace 502 in all exchanges south and west of Elizabethtown effective Nov. 1. Area code 502 cannot be used to reach these cities after Oct. 31. If you have any questions, call Bill Davies at 502-564-5270.

## Sick Leave Needs

**Patricia Amburgey** of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Cabinet has been off work since April 1999, and may continue to need sick leave for up to one year. As of September, she exhausted all her own leave and all the leave her co-workers at NREPC were able to donate, and is now requesting donated sick leave from employees throughout the state. To donate time, call Kathy Wilson at 502-564-2320.

**Beth Warmoth** of CFC's General Accounting has been diagnosed with Fibromyalgia. She will be off work indefinitely and also need donated sick leave. Call Wilma Morris at 502-564-7718.

# ACE Represents CFC and CHS Employees

## *The Mission Statement*

The mission of the Advisory Council for Employees (ACE) is to create a forum that receives and communicates, to the appropriate Cabinet Secretary, concerns and issues involving working conditions, service delivery and job climate of all employees.



ACE serves to help propose solutions, facilitate communication and make suggestions to employees ways of exercising, to the fullest, the existing resources, within the Cabinets.

ACE is comprised of 15 members representing the Cabinet for Families and Children and the Cabinet for Health Services. ACE meets once each month. Elections are held in April, with each member serving a two-year term. Members are nominated and elected by merit employees from the respective cabinets.

ACE has three officers – Chairperson Bobbie Slucher, Vice-chairperson James Mason, and Secretary Terry Hohman.

## *The Membership*

### **Members-at-Large:**

**James “Jamie” Mason**, CFC Training Branch, 502-564-1493

**Maxine Reid**, CFC Office of Family Resource/Youth Service Centers, 502-564-5082, Ext. 35

**Patty Stinson**, Commission for Children with Special Health Care Needs, 502-595-4459

### **CFC Community Based Services (Central Office):**

**Bobbie Slucher**, 502-564-2285, ext. 266

### **CFC Community Based Services (Field):**

**Elizabeth Oldiges**, Covington, 270-292-6600

**Verne Webb**, London, 606-878-6228

### **Disability Determinations:**

**Gary Conway**, 502-564-8050, ext. 4307 or 4368

### **CFC Offices Not Represented Above:**

**Roslyn Hendrickson**, 502-564-3106, ext. 143

### **CHS Office of Inspector General:**

**Edwina Love**, 502-564-2800

### **CHS Public Health:**

**Koryn Troxell**, 502-564-4953

### **MH/MR (Central Office):**

**Angela Campbell**, 502-564-7702

### **MH/MR (Field):**

**Terry Hohman**, 502-361-2301, ext. 2296

### **Medicaid Services:**

**Debbie Smither**, 502-564-5472

### **CHS Offices Not Represented Above:**

**Sue Wood**, 502-564-2815

## Geographic Information Sponsors GIS Day

The Kentucky Office of Geographic Information will host an educational Expo, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. in room 125 of the Capital Nov. 19. The Expo celebrates GIS Day.

GIS (geographic information system) is a computer-based tool for mapping and analyzing objects and events. By taking the information from a database and placing it on a map, GIS can demonstrate such issues as pockets of poverty, health problems, environmental problems, educational levels and more.



Although geographic analysis and mapping are not new, GIS performs these tasks better and faster than manual methods.

GIS Day is the last day of Geography Awareness Week. The National Geographic Society has sponsored Geography Awareness Week since 1987 to promote geographic literacy in schools and communities.

There are currently about half a million GIS users in the world, but the general public is unaware of this growing technology. Participants in the Expo will provide computerized demonstrations of GIS and will distribute posters and brochures that explain how the technology is used.

For more information, contact Ted Stumbur at the Governor's Office of Technology, Office of Geographic Information, at 502-573-1453. You may also send him e-mail at [ted.stumbur@mail.state.ky.us](mailto:ted.stumbur@mail.state.ky.us), or visit to Kentucky Office of Geographic Information Web site at <http://ogis.state.ky.us>

## November is ...

- ? National Adoption Month
- ? Election Day
- ? Veterans Day
- ? Thanksgiving

## Helpful Web Sites

Something new will be added to these *Helpful Web Sites* each week. Remember to “bookmark” the ones you will want to refer to often. If you’ve found a helpful site you would like to share in this column, e-mail it to <mailto:margaret.harney@mail.state.ky.us>.



### General Information

(This site was submitted by Tami Ruckman of CFC’s Jefferson County office of Community Based Services.)  
[http://www.usps.gov/ncsc/lookups/lookup\\_zip+4.html](http://www.usps.gov/ncsc/lookups/lookup_zip+4.html) – find zip codes on this U.S. Postal Service Site

### News

<http://www.kentucky.com/> - a search engine for info in many of Kentucky’s newspapers, magazines, and radio and TV stations

[http://cfc-chs.chr.state.ky.us/media\\_releases/media.htm](http://cfc-chs.chr.state.ky.us/media_releases/media.htm): media releases from communications staff of CFC and CHS

### Health

<http://www.mayohealth.org> - health information sponsored by the Mayo Clinic

<http://chid.nih.gov/welcome/welcome.html> – a combined database of federal health agencies, maintained by the National Institutes of Health

### Children

<http://www.getnetwise.org/> - information on keeping children safe on the Net, plus links to educational and entertaining sites for children, teens and families

### Government Policy

<http://stateline.org/> - online magazine dealing with government issues

<http://nga.org/CBP/Front.asp> - online publication from the National Governor’s Association, covering health, social services, economic development and more

### Employee Directories

<http://www.state.ky.us/directory/dirindex.htm> - an updated phone directory for all state government employees

### Education and Research

<http://www.cpe.state.ky.us/univ/univ.htm> - links to all state universities, community colleges and independent colleges in Kentucky

<http://www.kdla.state.ky.us/> - Kentucky Department for Library and Archives

<http://www.loc.gov/> - the Library of Congress

## Notes and Activities



? The **aerobics group** will not meet on election day, Nov. 2. For more information, call Beth Bates at 502-564- 4150.

- ? A **Book Fair** will be held in the lobby of the CHR Building Nov. 3, 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., and Nov. 4, 7 a.m. – 1 p.m. The Cabinet for Families and Children is sponsoring the event.
- ? The **Adoption Fair** of the Bluegrass will be held Nov. 7 at Lexington Mall, 1 - 4 p.m. For more information, call Lexington’s CFC Adoption Unit at 606-246-2256, or 1-800-432-9346. Remember, as a state employee you may be eligible for assistance with your adoption expenses.
- ? The **Annual Fall Products Sale**, sponsored by Community Mental Health and Mental Retardation Programs, will be held Nov. 12, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m., in the lobby of the CHR Building. Furniture, wood products, candy, holiday items and ceramics will be available.
- ? To volunteer with the **Special Friends** program, and be a mentor to a child, contact Ronnie Dunn of CFC’s Employee Services at 502-564-7770, ext. 3566.
- ? **Network – Women in State Government** meets on the fourth Wednesday of each month at 11:30 a.m., at the Columbia Steak House, Frankfort. For more information, contact Barbara Pulliam, president, at (502) 564-7863.
- ? The **Fibromyalgia Support Group** meets the third Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. at Highland Christian Church, Versailles Road, in Frankfort. Anyone who is interested is invited to attend. For more information, call Linda Burke of Health Services at 564-7213.
- ? Nominations for **CFC Employees of the Month** are due by the 15th of each month. For more information, or to submit a nomination, contact Charlene Nation of the Employee Services Branch, CHR-5, phone 564-7770. She will also accept nominations sent by e-mail.

## Halloween Safety Tips



- ? Carry a flashlight.
- ? Add reflective tape or a light-colored garment to an all-black costume.
- ? Masks obstruct vision; a painted face is much safer.
- ? At home, make sure it isn’t so dark little trick-or-treaters may fall, and remove anything near the door they may trip over.
- ? Check all treats before you allow your children to eat them. Throw away anything that isn’t sealed.